

Welcome

Prelude "Jesus Calls Us, O'er The Tumult"

(H.A. Matthews)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: To see the life that teems around us,

All: To give thanks for the gift we have received; Leader: To notice the beauty and promise of spring,

All: To breathe deeply of the season;

Leader: To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

All: This is to worship God.

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Creator God, yours is the Spirit within all that is, the energy of Life within all that breathes, our beginning and our end. With the power of wind and rain and fire—you bring down and you build up. In the quiet of conception, the opening of spring leaves, the paths waters follow from creeks to rivers to estuaries and oceans—you enliven growth and empower change. As we bless our graduates today, we open ourselves to your future and your reign of shalom. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" (attached) Hymnal #285

Blessing the Graduates

Creative and Creating God, we thank you for our beloved high school graduates: Sam Anderson, Isaac Blomquist, Kylie Braun, Jaden Burns, Emma Flug, Zoey Gayan, Camden Johnson, Bryant Kluge, John Kluge, Kendra Lemke, Sam Mars, Charli Carlin, Emma Mommsen, Hannah Ingram, and Isaiah May. And for our wonderful college graduate: Cole Reckin. Thank you for all the love they've given and received. Thank you for their accomplishments and their commitments. Spirit of Truth, light their paths. Spirit of Transformation, shape them into their new, adult selves. Spirit of Disruption, teach them flexibility and openness to the unexpected. Spirit who shows us the Way, guide them into lives of justice, peace, compassion, and joy. Amen.

^{*}Please stand if you're able

Scripture Reading Jon Wesolek

Psalm 104:1-4, 10-13, 27-30

Revelation 21:1-5a

Special Music "Plaid Valley Dreaming" Isaiah May

Sermon Blown Towards the Future Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music "Irish Blessing" **Evelyn Rohrbach**

(P. Coulter)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Evelyn Rohrbach Offering/Offertory "We Are Called"

(D. Haas)

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God, we make decisions about our money nearly every day. Whether to buy that coffee, when to replace that iPod, where to make investments for the future. Help us to be faithful with what is in our hands. Receive these offerings as we trust that you will be faithful with the world you hold in your hands. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Song of Hope" (attached) SoF #22

*Benediction

Leader: Go forth this day, guided and illuminated by the Spirit of Truth; secure in the

knowledge that you are fully known by the Creator; and trusting that the Way of

honesty, integrity and self-understanding will lead you into the heart of God.

All: Amen.

Sung Benediction

God, be with you till we meet again; By their counsels guide, uphold you; With their sheep securely fold you; God, be with you till we meet again.

Postlude "Pomp and Circumstance" Evelyn Rohrbach

(E. Elgar)



Special Offering for Helping Hand Fund

The Helping Hand Fund is one of those ministries that is largely invisible to church members but a significant part of our outreach to those in need. About two or three times a month, someone shows up at the church in need of gas, food, or some other kind of assistance. Sometimes, we just need to make a referral to Stepping Stones or a county program. At other times, we can help out by covering the cost of a tank of gas or some groceries. There are many needed services we can't or don't provide, but the Helping Hands Fund is one way that we help to provide a safety net for vulnerable pople in our community. Please give generously.



This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

The flowers today are to celebrate our granddaughter, Claire Newby, getting her Master's Degree, from Lee and Jill Schwebs.

The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel and posted on her blog Hold Fast to What is Good, https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com.

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